

Notes from Kingston

November 2009

President's Message:

I first want to thank all of you who have packed my parachutes throughout the years. After a long summer we come together again with a renewed determination to foster and promote our cultural heritage, rich in the tradition of music and song.



One of our major accomplishments includes a hugely successful 35th Sangerfest in Utica this past June. **Congratulations** and **Vielen Dank** to our Sangerfest Chorus for their first place finish in **Gemischerchor 2. Klasse**. A tip of the hat and pat on the back to the singers, Jerry, and Sherry for a job well done!

Since we have participated successfully and taken home the 1st place trophy in this competitive singing category for three consecutive Sangerfeste we are permitted to keep and retire the trophy. In the spirit of competitive camaraderie we have presented the New York State Saengerbund with replacement trophies for both the 1st and 2nd place finishes in Mixed Chorus 2nd Class.

Preparations for our **Liederabend** on November 21st, under the guidance of our Dirigent Jerry Hoch and Accompanist Sherry Thomas, are coming along very well. We are putting the final touches on our concert program; a few more rehearsal and it's **Showtime**.

2010 Annual Election 11/11/09: I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the singers, officers, committees and chairpersons, and all the work-teams for their hard work, dedication, and commitment. I would also like to commend all the members who have kept their promises to uphold the German traditions and culture so we could continue to flourish and prosper. I am very proud to have worked with you all to keep us in the forefront of our cultural awareness in the City of Kingston and the State of New York.

Most of the incumbents will continue their commitment and dedicated service to the chor, however after three multiple-year terms as an officer I must now step down and encourage others to continue the work of all past officers in a combined 141 years of service.

At the recent New York State Saengerbund Annual Convention I was honored to be elected to my 4th consecutive three year term as President. I will use my time to help them complete their journey to incorporation and 501c3 Not for Profit designation. This is vital to their member organizations and will significantly improve their ability to survive the increasing pressures of a spiraling economy and waning memberships.

I am proud to have worked with you all for over a decade in reducing and eliminating our property debt, developing our corporation into a 501c3 Not for Profit organization, restructuring our tax base, and preserving and promoting our German heritage, culture, and traditions through music and song.

I look forward to continue singing in the chorus and working with you on the Music Committee, Newsletter, and assisting in any way that I can in helping insure the future of our verein.

There are many exciting events scheduled for the rest of 2009: the *Liederabend* on Nov 21st, the *Christkindlmarkt* on Dec 04th & 05th, and the very reflective and inspiring *German Christmas Church Service* on Dec 20th. Please check your calendars and make a commitment to support your Germanic culture, heritage, and tradition by coming to our activities and events. You'll find good times, eine tolle Zeit mit *Gemutlichkeit* und viel *Spass*!

May the upcoming holiday season touch your hearts and bring peace to your souls. Zum bevorstehenden Weihnachtsfest senden wir Euch die besten Gluck und Segenswunsche. Frohliche Weihnachten und ein gluckliches Neues Jahr gefullt Mit Hoffnung, Friede, und Heiterkeit. *To the pending Christmas celebration we send you wishes of best luck and blessings. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with hope, peace, and serenity.*

Mit freundlichen Sangergruen und Kameradschaft,
With friendly Singers' Greetings and Camaraderie

Herman Alfons Koelmel, President



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INTRODUCING by Doris Vogt & Christa Scheitz

We hope you will take the time to extend a hand of friendship and welcome to:

Karl and Tammy Firmbach

Karl and Tammy joined the Maennerchor in January 2009. They were introduced by Ruth Miller and Walter Bruchholz and they will be worker bees on Team 2. A welcome addition, I am sure.

Tammy was born in west Islip, L.I. Her family moved to Red Hook when Tammy was a young girl and she attended local schools and graduated from Red Hook High School. Tammy is a working mom. She is a window clerk at the Port Ewen Post Office and is affiliated with the APWU American Postal Workers Union.

Karl's father comes from Hanover, Germany, though Karl was born and raised in Kingston. He attended grade school and graduated from Kingston High School. He went to Siena College and graduated with a degree in accounting. He is CPA/Partner/owner of Firmbach & Firmbach CPA's. He is affiliated with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; the New York State Society of CPA's and served 9 years on the Board of Directors of the Kingston Regional Health Foundation.

Karl and Tammy live in Kingston and they have three children. Molly is in the U.S. Navy, Remi is going to Northeastern University in Boston and Hanna is a senior at Kingston High School. They also have Gavin Bogert, their 16 month old grandson.

They enjoy traveling, visiting historical places and ATV trail riding as well as cooking. Now who is the better cook? The important thing is to enjoy life and that is what they are doing.

Kristen Lee Kringle

Kristen was introduced to the "Club" by Hildegard Edling. She joined August 12th, 2009 and will be a worker. She was born in Kingston Hospital but grew up in New Paltz, NY and attended the local schools there. Kristen went to SUNY in Albany, NY. She majored in German with a minor in English. She graduated with a Masters Degree in Spanish Education and teaches Spanish at the Poughkeepsie Middle School.

Kristen is really serious about learning German well. Charlotte Folkl helped her prepare for a state exam on German grammar, reading, writing and culture, which she passed. So congratulations to both, student and tutor. Vindora and Richard Wixom are also very helpful. On Thursday evenings, for a nominal fee, they host an informal dinner party where only German is spoken. Plus, they also play word games and watch movies, etc.

Kristen likes to travel and she is an avid reader. She enjoys the classics, Russian literature, historical westerns and cowboy stories. She loves Mark Twain. She is also a collector of books: comic books, children's stories and short stories, which she enjoys reading since they are optimistic.

As I said, Kristen enjoys traveling. She lived in Spain for 2 years, in Mexico for part of one summer, in Costa Rica for one summer and in Germany for four summers. Where to next, Kristen? She also has time in her busy schedule for four housecats. Are they pampered pets? I am willing to bet they are.

Dolores Krastin

Dolores was accepted as a member on August 12, 2009. She was proposed by Heinz Vogt. Although "Dee" is a new member, she is no stranger to the "Club". Her beloved husband, Kurt, was a member for many years, as was Kurt's mom, affectionately known in the Chor as "*Tante Katie*". Sadly, both are deceased. Kurt was a singer and worker on Team 3, and Dolores was always a willing helper.

Dolores was born in Amsterdam, NY and came to Kingston when she was just a toddler. She attended Kingston schools and graduated from Kingston High in 1956. At that year's May Day celebration, Dolores was elected May Queen. In 1957 she attended the Central Academy of Beauty Culture in Newburgh, NY. After passing her State Board, she became a licensed beautician. I met "Dee" when we both worked at Mickey's Beauty and Barber Shop on North Front Street in Kingston. After working both full and part-time for about 30 years, Dee is now retired.

Dolores and Kurt were married for 48 happy years, when Kurt passed in November 2008. They owned a home in Ulster Park and Dolores is still living there. Dee and Kurt have three sons, Raymond, who lives with his wife and three children in Pennsylvania. He is a Benefits manager; Kurt Guy, who lives in

Massachusetts with his wife and two children and is a teacher; and Steven, who lives in Muenster, Germany. He is an artist both painting and sculpting.

In addition to the Chor, Dee is a member of the Steuben Society unit # 50. She is an excellent cook and baker, likes to travel and do crossword puzzles and will be a very good member.

Robert Zentner

Robert was introduced to the Maennerchor by Arnie Johnson who brought him in for the famous Thursday afternoon work parties with the guys. John Bruening introduced him for membership and he was accepted in September 2009 and will be a worker.

Robert was born in Brooklyn, NY and as a youngster moved to Queens, NY. He attended local schools in Queens and graduated from Woodrow Wilson, High School. He married his wife Patricia in 1963 and a year later, they moved to the country. They live in Stone Ridge, NY and they raised four children there. They have 3 sons, John who is a Colonel in the Air Force in Colorado, Bob, who is Vice-President of Sales for the Hopewell Nursery in Bridgetown, NJ; and Michael, who is in sales in Cherry Hill, NJ. Sadly, their lovely daughter, Karen Marie, was tragically killed eighteen years ago. On a happier note, they have six granddaughters and one grandson.

Now retired, Robert owned two manufacturing facilities in Kingston, one on Gage Street and the other one on Foxhall Ave. and also one in Centralia, Ill. They manufactured mostly auto parts as well as automatic letter sorter parts for the Postal Service in Topeka, Kansas and he did metal display work for Benjamin Moore Paints.

Although retired, Robert manages to stay busy. He is a very active fundraiser for the Shiners' Hospital. This is a very worthy cause, as I believe they do wonderful things for children who have been badly burned and for very seriously ill children.

In addition, Robert belongs to many other organizations. In 1974 he joined the Masons, Lodge 343, in Kingston. In 2000, he joined the Shriners and in 2010 he will become Potentate (president) for the Cypress Shriners in Albany. He also belongs to the Scottish 32nd Right Masons in Albany. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce both in Kingston and Centralia, Ill.

He gets his love for travel by attending conventions. Robert and Patricia have been to San Antonio,

Texas, St. Louis, MO, and in 2010 will be traveling to Toronto, Canada as the new Potentate. Congratulations on being elected, and we wish you good luck and success.

DEUTSCHE STUNDE

On Sunday morning while enjoying Frühstück, glancing through the NY Times, or savoring that extra cup of coffee, tune into Hans Safer's *GERMAN HOUR* on Radio Station WKNY 1490AM at 10:05 AM. Listen to beautiful German Music and hear announcements of local interests. Music and entertainment for young, old, and all of us in between!

If you missed last Sunday's show you can now catch it on your PC during the week. You can now access Hans Safer's German program online. The program will not work with Windows Explorer or Apple Safari, but it does work with Netscape Browser, Mozilla Firefox, and Google Chrom. All these browsers can be downloaded for free. It also needs the QuickTime player from Apple.

For free download of Netscape Navigator 7, 8, & 9
<http://browser.netscape.com/releases>

Once you have one of the working browsers, turn on your speakers, open the browser, and then search and click on www.hanssafer.cwahi.net/hsafer2.html The webpage will walk you through the steps needed.

You can find other free browser downloads at
http://download.cnet.com/Netscape-Navigator/3000-2356_4-10145004.html

and the Walls Came Tumbling Down

On the afternoon on 9 November 1989, during a press conference, a GDR spokesman blundered and preannounced that the government was changing the travel restrictions on East Germans; this was not to be made public until 4 AM the next morning. The news was picked-up and broadcast on West Berlin Television causing many Berliners on both sides to immediately head toward the barriers and the Wall.

The East Berlin guards, supported by 30,000 Russian soldiers, were always under orders to fire on anyone breaching the boarder barriers. Without direction from above, and to their credit, the guards held their fire allowing both sides to cross and meet each other. We now celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall which was the first step toward German reunification, formally concluded on October 3, 1990.



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35th Sangerfest

12 thru 14 June 2009

We are truly privileged to represent and honor our forefathers and past members who dedicated themselves to the German Community of New York State and inspired, motivated, and nurtured our cultural heritage and traditions. The singers and delegates from German-American Choruses from around New York State gathered in Utica to participate in this triennial singing festival.

A fun filled weekend of great music, competition, gemutlichkeit, and camaraderie was celebrated by all. We congratulate all who participated for their enthusiasm, commitment, and dedication. The first place trophy recipients were:

Ladies Chorus - Buffalo Schwabenchor

Men's Chorus - Syracuse Liederverein

Mixed Chorus 1st Class - Buffalo Schwabenchor

*Mixed Chorus 2nd Class - Kingston Mannerchor
and Damenchor*

The Wander Prize for highest total score was awarded to the Syracuse Liederverein with 463.48 points.

We gratefully acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the NYSSB officers, the Bundes Music Committee, and the many unheralded music directors and singers who labored unhesitatingly to help achieve the goals and objectives of this Sangerfest. Thank you all for helping to make this event a pleasant, gratifying and fruitful experience.

INCORPORATION and 501c3

We have worked throughout the year with our legal council at NYCON Michael West Esq. on the development of our incorporation documentation. The member vereine reviewed and approved it and it has been forwarded to the appropriate NYS agencies for their approval and consent. We anticipate NYSSB incorporation by years end. While awaiting our incorporation, we are currently working with council to develop the documentation for 501c3 Not for Profit designation enveloping the needs of and relevant to all our member vereine.

Oberammergau - Passion Play 2010

We are now taking bookings for our 2 week tour through southern Germany, including a visit to the Passion Play in Oberammergau, the first two weeks of August 2010. Sue Owens, the Choral Director and Music Professor from Syracuse has offered her services to lead us in concert if we have enough singers from throughout the sangerbund. Several choruses in Germany have also offered their facilities. Highlights include visits to:

Travel to Bavaria:

Hepberg Concert with Sigi Puppele & MGV Liederkrantz
Oberammergau and the Passion Play

Ramsau – Berchtesgaden - Konigssee & St. Bartholomae

Munchen - Tour City Marianna Platz - Glockenspiel

Travel through the Schwarzwald Black Forest

Roman Spas in Baden-Baden

Concert with Mannergesangverein 1863 Otigheim e.V

This tour will take us to some of the most beautiful regions of Germany's Bavarian Alps and Black Forest. The price includes roundtrip airfare, travel by deluxe motor coach, first class hotel accommodations, breakfast and supper, and admission tickets to the Passion Play.

With the ever changing exchange rate and fluctuating airfare, the tentative cost from New York City is \$ 3999 per person, double-occupancy.

We will meet our friends Leni & Peter Sauer from *Reiseburo Sauer* in the next few weeks to finalize our tour plan, and continue to negotiate with Singapore Air to secure a more moderate airfare rate.

The most vital aspect of this trip is the ticket availability for the Passion Play. The admission tickets have been released and we must make the reservations and purchase them now.

You do not have to be a singer to be a member of this tour. If you are interested in joining us, please send the following information as soon as possible with an Initial Deposit of \$ 500.00

Full Name - Full Address – Telephone - E-Mail Address:

Passport Citizenship – Age – Sex - Singer Voice - Chorus Name

Please make check payable to and mail to:

Herman Koelmel

78 Baker Road Bearsville, NY 12409

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Who's packing your parachute?

Charles Plumb was a US Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands.

He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience! One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk, and you were shot down!" "How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb. "I packed your parachute," the man replied.

Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I kept wondering what he had looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat; a bib in the back; and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning, how are you?' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor."

Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent at a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute?" Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. He also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory. He needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety.

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognize people who pack your parachutes.

Sunday Events

You asked for them. We've scheduled them. Where are you!! By popular demand, we have been scheduling about four to five events a year on Sunday afternoons. Except for the Pizza Party in January and the Breakfast in March, attendance has been very low.

However, we are forging ahead and in 2010 all but two events will be on Sunday afternoons.

Christa, Alena, & Charlotte will host the **Sunday Matinees**. They will schedule and present the videos on our new flat screen, and they are planning a New Years Day afternoon event with international philharmonic orchestras or perhaps *Die Fledermaus*.

We hope to see more of you at these events. We are counting on all of you to keep us viable. If you have any questions please speak with the team leaders or these ladies. Feel free to leave a message on the maennerchor phone.

Newsletter Delivery

We deliver over 200 copies of each edition of our newsletter at each printing. We hope you are pleased with the articles and content presented. To help reduce the rising costs of printing and mailing we also distribute the newsletter on-line in a PDF file. This format allows you to read the newsletter on your computer. You may also download it and print it if you so desire. If you wish to receive the newsletter on-line, please send your e-mail address to hkoelmel@hvc.rr.com

For those who do not use a computer we will continue to mail the paper version. If you have enjoyed the paper version of the newsletter please consider a small donation to help us offset the costs of printing and postage delivery.

☺ IF A MAN IS TALKING AND
THERE IS NO WOMAN AROUND
TO TELL HIM HE'S WRONG;.....
IS HE CORRECT?



Last Liederabend

Saturday 21 November 2009

An Evening of Song

Under the Musical Direction of Jerry Hoch

Accompanist: Sherry Thomas

Saturday Evening 21 November 2009

Doors Open 7:00 PM

Dance to the music of the *Bud & Linda*

Concert 7:30 PM Dance 8:30 PM-12:30 AM

This may be our very last fall concert known as *Liederabend* which translates to "An Evening of Song". To make our choral presentations more readily available to the general public and our seniors, starting in 2010 our spring and fall concerts will be presented on Sunday afternoons.

This change in time however presents a dilemma... what to call it? It won't be in the "abend". Should it be *Liedernachmittag*, *Sonntagkonzert*, or *Liederzeit*? We've tried various titles without success so we're leaving it up to you to NAME THAT TUNE TIME. Send in your suggestion for a new name for our 142nd Fall Concert and win two tickets to that event. The Music Committee and Board will make the final selection and if your title is picked we'll announce it in the Spring Newsletter.

In the mean time start your Thanksgiving season in friendship, fellowship, and *Gemütlichkeit* and call your friends and neighbors to join you at the concert. Perhaps you'll get an inspiration and come up with the winning entry.

Becoming Self Sufficient

Give a man a fish and he'll eat all day. Teach a man to fish and he'll sit in a boat and drink beer all day.

A First for This Last Liederabend

This will be the first time in many, many years that the Tenor section will not be lead by our Music Committee Co-Chairperson and 1st Tenor Oskar Benzenhoefer. His last performance was helping us win the 1st Place trophy in the Mixed Chorus 2nd Class competition at the 35th New York State Sangerfest in Utica last June.

His great voice, good nature, and friendly banter have already been missed at our weekly rehearsals but we hope he can attend our last Liederabend and applaud our efforts.

Send Oskar a card and thank him for all he has done for the German Community and for Youth Soccer in Saugerties.

DANKESCHÖN

Vielen Dank and grateful acknowledge to all of you who have packed the various parachutes for us over the years. Please forgive us if your name has been inadvertently omitted, our intention is not to offend anyone who has given so graciously to the development and preservation of our verein.

Ad Hoc Committees: all the leaders and staff who always step forward to cover all the incidental work of our organization

Building Committee: Walter Vogt, Richard Edling, and the many hardworking participants

Bar Committee: John Bruening, Bob Rossler, and all the bartenders

Christkindlmarkt Committee: Hildegard Edling, Inge Luettge, Christa Scheitz and Annemarie Harms

Event Teams: Hildegard Edling, John Bruening, Walter Buchholz, Christa Scheitz, Alena Nitschner, and all the team workers.

Music Committee: Oskar Benzenhoefer, Fred Schink, Vivian Longto, Hank Buser, Jerry Hoch, Sherry Thomas, and all the staff

Newsletter Staff: Hermann Koemel, Christa Scheitz, Hildegard Edling, and Doris Vogt

Rental Committee: Carl Bell and John Bruening

Scholarship Committee: Linda Koemel, Ruth Miller, Walter Bruchholz, and Franz Heigemeir

Youth Programs: Joan Arena and Vivian Longto

FROM the ARCHIVES

Hildegard Edling - Historian/Archivist

Recently while clearing out old music files I found a carton of material from former music director Professor John Schwalbach. Since he has marked the program below with a (1), I am assuming it is the first concert he conducted. Enjoy!

Entertainment and Dance

UNDER AUSPICES OF
The Rondout Social Maennerchor
MAENNERCHOR HALL

Thanksgiving Night, Nov. 28th, 1929

PROGRAM

- Overture "Heimatslieder" - Margis-Berger
V. WINCHELL, (VIOLIN); J. SCHWALBACH (PIANO)
- Maennerchor. "Die Himmel ruehmen" (1 VERSE) Beethoven
ENCORE DAS LIEBEN BRIVTY Y ROSS FREUD.
- Bass Solo (a) "Die Uhr" Ballade - C. Löwe
(b) "Bells of the Sea" - Solman
MR. FRED EWEL
- Humoristisches Duet "Die zwei Hausknechte"
MRSSRS. A. HABERSTUMPF, FRANK LANGENDORF
- Just a little Magic.
MR. CHARLES CORSON
- Solo and Double Quartette - "Carry me back to Old Virginny"
MRSSRS. HABERSTUMPF, KUBICEK, LANGENDORF, SUDHEIMER
BAUER, THEINERT, EWEL, MERKEL
- Songs [with Guitar Accompaniment] - Selected
MR. ALFRED KOEHLER
- Maennerchor. "Kentucky Babe" - Geibel
- Solo--Scene, "Der Nachtwaechter"
MR. PAUL TRODLER
- Double Quartette, (a) "Spin Spin" - Juengst
(b) "Fishing" - Parks
- Violin and Piano "LoReley" Paraphrase - Nesvadba
- Comic Sketch "The Barber Shop"
MESSRS. CORSON, EWEL, THEINERT, KEENE
- Maennerchor. "Im Mondenschein" Polka francaise - Weidt

The Right of Change of Program is Reserved.

Mouths of Babes

While walking along the sidewalk in front of his church, a minister heard the intoning of a prayer that nearly made his collar wilt. Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton batting, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased. The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with resonant dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: 'Glory be unto the Faather, and unto the Sonnn, and into the hole he goooes.'

Canadian Island Trip

June 2010

Island of Coudrés
Charlevoix Region of Québec Canada

Motorcoach Transportation

5 nights lodging

3 nights on Island of Coudrés

10 Meals:

5 Breakfast, 1 Lunch, 4 Dinners

Visit St. Anne DeBeaupre Shrine

\$635.00 *

6 Days 5 Nights

* Per Person Double Occ

TUE - SUN

June

22-27 2010

Gaming at:

Casino De Charlevoix & Casino De Montréal

Guided Tours:

Québec City - Island of Coudres

Whale Watching at Bay of Catherine

Depart and Return to

Kingston Maennerchor & Damenchor Hall

37 Greenkill Ave. Kingston, NY @ 8:00 AM

Join us on a "Canadian Island" trip scheduled for June 22-27, 2010. For this trip there will be one overnight on the way to the Island of Coudres, three nights on the island and then an overnight on the way back. The price for this trip is \$635 double occupancy and \$865 single occupancy.

The deposit is \$75 per person whether single or double occupancy and should be submitted as soon as possible since the bus will be filled on a first come first served basis.

Final payment of \$560 double occupancy and \$790 single occupancy is due on April 1, 2010. A reminder will be sent.

For a brochure and more detailed inform including travel insurance, please contact Walter Vogt at:

63 Wildwood Lane, Saugerties, NY 12477

(845) 336-6534

Note: You will need a passport OR passport card to enter Canada by land on this trip. Applications for both are available at most US Post Offices.

The Personals



Congratulations and best wishes to Linda & Herman Koemel who recently celebrated their 41st Anniversary! After a family gathering celebrating birthdays of their grandson Levi and daughter Erika they sailed on the Queen Mary II to ports in Newport RI, Boston Ma, Bar Harbor Me, and St John's New Brunswick, and Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Also on the road to Canada were John & Charlotte Folkl. Congratulations also to Reinhold & Ann Schmitt who recently celebrated their 26th Anniversary!

Convalescing: News about other members include an amazing array of walking wounded, medical recuperations, and surgery veterans.



Everyone is reportedly doing well. On the road to recovery from various illnesses and health related issues are Hank Buser, Franz Heigemeir, Heinz Holzauer, Monika Kaufmann, Hermann Koemel, Christa Kohler, Natalie Mansfield Ruth Miller, Reinhold Schmitt, Doris Vogt, and Heinz Vogt. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers, and wish you all a rapid and successful return to good health.

Gesundheit, Glück, in Gottes Segen!



2009 Departed Members

Condolences to the families of our members and friends who are no longer with us.

Theodore Brooks Walter *Big Wally* Krywulych
Hedwig Menges Frank Santelli

Other Dear Friends around the state:

Frederick Kunz - Troy Robert Kennedy - Troy
Georg Wiesnet - Troy Clara Miller - Utica

Our thoughts and prayers are with you,

,Brüder und Schwestern auf Leben und Tod'

THIS 'N' THAT

23 Prize Drawing - Pizza Party - and Dance
Your Help and Financial Support is Urgently Needed

To help defray our growing expenses and offset our financial deficits we have initiated a 23 Prize Drawing with twenty \$ 25.00 drawings and 3 Grand Prizes of

\$300.00, \$200.00, and \$100.00. All participants are eligible for each of the twenty \$25.00 prizes and the final 3 Grand Prizes. There are 23 chances to win, with the total amount of prizes valued at \$ 1,100.00.

The donation for each ticket is \$20.00. All the winning tickets will be drawn on Sunday 17 January 2010. Included in the ticket price is a Pizza Party at our clubhouse on Greenkill Avenue with Dance Music by Ed Rock from 1 to 5 PM. Each participant may bring a guest for a cover price of \$ 10.00. You do not have to attend to win.

For more information or tickets, please contact Ruth or Walter at (845)-338-2754.

Congratulations to Andrew Constant, grandson of member Hedwig Menges, who graduated from Springfield College in Springfield Massachusetts with a BS in sports management. He had minors in business management and athletic coaching. Currently he is attending Sage College in Troy pursuing a Master of Business Administration.

Member Rosemarie Steudlein is very proud of her son Armin who graduated in June from the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington with a Doctor of Philosophy in civil engineering. Armin is a project engineer with a private firm and is on the faculty of the School of Civil and Construction Engineering at Oregon State University where he teaches geotechnical engineering.

U.S. Air Force Captin Kristen Gibson, a Kingston High School graduate, and daughter of Eric and Beth Keyser was photographed with President Barack Obama in Phoenix, Arizona, earlier this summer.



Kristin who was deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan in 2008 was one of 50 selected to attend the VFW National Convention.

U.S. Air Force Captin Kristen Gibson shown with her husband U.S. Air Force Major Scott Gibson.

Courtesy of the Kingston Freeman



Christkindlmarkt

Friday, December 4th 2009 - 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Saturday, December 5th 2009 - Noon - 6:00 p.m.

This traditional Christmas market/bazaar takes place in Germany, Austria and Switzerland beginning at the very end of November and continuing until Christmas. Now there is one in Kingston, New York. Come catch the charm and fascination of our first Christkindlmarkt. The main hall will be filled with giftware, crafts, baked treats and vendors' specialties. In our *Stube* you will find German and American foods. There will be an *Elves' Table* with all kinds of products, a Christmas tree of ornaments for you to take home, cookies such as Lebkuchen to tempt your taste buds, warm hats, toys, and a number of pleasant surprises.

Catch the Enchantment of a German **CHRISTKINDLMARKT**

Just Off Broadway at the
 Kingston Maennerchor & Damenchor
 37 Greenkill Avenue Kingston, NY
 Friday, December 4th 3 P.M. to 7 P.M.
 Saturday, December 5th 12 Noon to 6 P.M.

Delight in our Vendors' Specialties,
 Giftware, Crafts and tempting
 Home Baked Treats.

Feast on German & American Foods
 and Refreshments available in our Cafe'.

For Information, please call
 (845) 338-3763

We hope to see you at this wonderful
 beginning to the Christmas season.

German Christmas Service

Please mark your calendar to include our annual German Christmas Service at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church at 72 Spring Street Kingston. This year four local German-American societies have joined together to sponsor and present this event:

Die Bergvagabunden Schuhplattler
 Steuben Society of America Unit 50
 Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor
 German American Club of the Northern Catskills

Many of our members have said that this non-denominational observance of Christ's birth reminds them of similar celebrations in their home towns in Germany during their youth.

We are honored to have Rev Ernst Mossel preside at this year's service. Rev. Mossel sang with our chorus as a Kingston High School student back in the 70's.



Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday 20 December 2009
 1:00 - 5:00 PM

Snow Date 12/27/2009

For the past two years, because of snow storms we were deprived of this wonderful celebration of Christ's birth in the traditional German format. This year we are planning to include a snow-date as an alternative day to rejoice; just incase there is once again inclement weather on the originally planned date.

The next time you meet Anneliese DiGennaro please say thank you for all her years of dedicated service (16) in keeping this inspirational event pertinent, on-track, and intact. She has been instrumental in maintaining a fluid and friendly atmosphere while combining the wishes and whims of the host societies, the church, the brass band, and the guest clergy. Now in her mid-80s she continues to amaze us in her ability to cultivate and expand the friendships and camaraderie of all involved.

aus der Küche... No Knead Bread Time:

About 1½ hours plus 18 hours for rising Yield: One 1½-pound loaf.

The No-Knead method is for someone who has never baked before and yet can master the technique the first time. This recipe was adapted from Jim Lahey at the Sullivan Street Bakery, *No-Knead Bread* appeared in the article *The Secret of Great Bread: Let Time Do the Work* by Mark Bittman in the November 8th, 2006 New York Times



3 cups all purpose flour	¾ Tbsp. kosher salt
⅓ tsp. instant yeast	1¾ cups water

In a large bowl combine flour, yeast and salt. Add 1¾ cups hot tap water, and stir until blended; dough will be sticky. Cover bowl with plastic wrap. Let dough rest for 16 hours at warm room temperature, about 70°F.



The dough is ready when its surface is dotted with bubbles, and is wet and sticky. Lightly flour a work surface and place dough on it; sprinkle it with a little more flour flatten dough and fold into three (like a letter) then turn 90° and fold into three again. Cover loosely with plastic wrap and let rest about 15 minutes.

Using just enough flour to keep dough from sticking to work surface, gently shape dough into a ball. Generously coat a cotton towel with flour, or cornmeal; put dough seam side down on towel and dust with more flour, bran or cornmeal. Cover with another cotton towel and let rise for about 2 hours. When it's ready, the dough will be more than double in size and will not readily spring back when poked with a finger.

At least a half-hour before dough is ready, heat oven to 500°F. Put a 6-8 quart heavy covered pot (cast iron, enamel, Pyrex or ceramic) in oven as it heats. Make sure that the pot can withstand 500°F. When dough is ready, carefully remove pot from oven. Slide your hand under towel and turn dough over into pot, seam side up; it may look like a mess, but that is O.K. Carefully shake the pan once or twice if dough is unevenly distributed; it will straighten out as it bakes. Cover with lid and bake 30 minutes. If necessary, remove the lid and bake another 5 minutes or until the crust is beautifully golden and middle of loaf is 210°F. Cool on a rack.



Note: Seriously overdo the generous coating of the cotton towel (not terry cloth); otherwise the dough may stick to the towel. I've tried flour, cornmeal and wheat bran and prefer cornmeal.

VIDEO Jim Lahey *Sullivan St. Bakery* & Mark Bittman *NY Times* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13Ah9E52yTU&feature=related>

No-Knead Bread pictures and detailed explanation <http://steamykitchen.com/blog/2007/09/10/no-knead-bread-revisited/>



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Chorus Rehearsal Monday evenings at 6:30 PM.

Monthly Business Meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 P.M.

Dues

Our Financial Secretary is accepting Dues for 2010.



Kingston Maennerchor and Damenchor Inc. Calendar of Events 2009

Nov 21 Sat	Liederabend	7PM	8:30PM-12:30AM	Bud & Linda
Dec 4 Fri	Christkindlemarkt		3 to 7 PM	
Dec 5 Sat	Christkindlemarkt		Noon to 6 PM	
Dec 20/27	German Christmas		1:30 - 5:00 PM	Baby Jesus
Dec 21 Mon	Singer/Staff Christmas		7:00 -10:00 PM	